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The Gleichen Call.

Devoted to the Up-Building of Gleichen and the Development of the District Generally

Year IV., No. 7.

GLEICHEN, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1910.

\$1.50 Per Year

WITHOUT
IRIGATION
The
Gleichen
District
Has
Highest
Average Yield
on
Wheat & Oats
in
Saskatchewan
in 1906
ACCORDING TO
GOVERNMENT
STATISTICS

10 ACRE BLOCKS!!

Adjoining - the - Gleichen - Townsite

Gleichen is undoubtedly the Best town between Medicine Hat and Calgary and is the Centre of the Best Agricultural District in all Alberta.

This town has a great future before it and cannot be stopped. It is growing extremely fast, but this is only a starter to what we will have later on this summer.

Now is the Time to Buy

And these 10 Acre Blocks are the Real Things for a Safe and Sure Investment and will yield Big Returns as this land is in a high state of cultivation and capable of producing from One Hundred to Three Hundred Dollars each year if properly handled.

Don't Put Off Buying one of These Blocks

As they are sure to be sold for a \$100,000 and that is not extremely big money to the holder as at that time, which will be here in 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 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J. A. E. BEAUPRE, Prop.**Ed. Urch's New Store.**

Among the many new business premises, in course of erection in Gleichen, the building started on this week for Mr. E. Urch will stand forward as a landmark to the progress of the town. The site of the erection is on Third Street, opposite the Palace Hotel. Mr. Urch intends to spare no expense in making his shop one of the most up-to-date in the Province of Alberta, and estimates his outlay will be about \$20,000. The building will be 125 feet deep with 48 feet frontage, with cement foundations and an attractive brick front, the whole to contain 35,000 sq. ft. of the most improved flooring, a pool room with 7 tables, and a large store for the sale of fruit, confectionery, etc., and tobacco and tobacco supplies. Part of this latter section will be partitioned off as refreshment rooms where the succulent refreshments, our fruits, and the innumerable variety of food drinks which this world is a temptation for dispensing may be partaken of in comfort and seclusion. In fact the premises will be a boon as a resort for recreation and refreshment. The interior decorations will be artistic and full consideration to safety and hygiene. The furnishing will be complete in every detail providing accommodation for about 500 people. The premises at present occupied by Mr. Urch are continued as before, which clearly show the faith he has in the future prosperity of this town.

There is a lot of difference between putting sins away and covering them up, to use Mr. Urch's Latin quotation "Give 'em Gleichen."

A simple-hearted and truly devout preacher, who has had tasted but few drinks of the world, took dinner with a high-toned family, where a glass of milk punch was quietly set down by each plate. In silence and ignorance the new Year of Wakened quaffed his goblet, and then said: "Madame, you should daily take God for such a good cow."

**Farmers Buying
Clark's Horses**

The Clark Bros. horses are continuing to be in great demand and inquiries for them are coming in from all parts. It is pleasing that our local ranchers and farmers appreciate the fact that these men have a job at breeding until they won the championship of Canada.

Clark, Jr., has made several good sales during the past week, among which is the famous Frank (his horse purchased from the Clark Bros., namely: Star Lynette, Crawford No. 5086, and the best of Crawford No. 621).

It is a handsome team of heavy weight horses and their breeding can hardly be surpassed. Their sire was Prince Lynette, by Colby, by Prince of Wales. Mr. Clark has laid the foundation for a good stock farm and we wish him all kinds of good fortune.

F. A. Bryant of Queenstown has purchased the two-year-old stallion Chief, bred at Crawford No. 8717, sire Bonnie Bear (sire), by Burns Bros., by Scotland's Glory. This colt is not so heavy as some horses, having withered out, but he has quality and should develop into a very big horse. As will be noted his breeding is of the best and should prove a money-maker for Mr. Bryant and of general benefit to the Queenstown district.

To harvest Alberta's heavy crops the Massey-Harris Plecting Elevator Binder is the best.

"Advertising is no good," said the man in old clothes. "It never helped me none." The millionaire merchant smiled. "That is because you tried it, John, as the Indian tried the feather. Place it on a plank and sleep on it all night. In the morning how do you feel? Paleface says feathers leap off me. Paleface leap off you!"

Now any Calgary is to become a university town, and the citizens of that place are offering money and land in plenty to make a success of the institution. In view of the fact that there has been too much to have everything of a provincial nature in the north perhaps it would be well for the people of Southern Alberta to unite in an effort to make the southern university the largest kind of a success.

The Call hopes a University of Calgary will be the success the people of that place aim to make it, for it will be a benefit to the entire province.

Massey-Harris Flexible Disc Harrow with out spring pressure, is easy on the horses, but cuts every clod deep.

Gleichen's Meteorological Report

The following weather report is supplied by F. H. Baedens, who is officially appointed by the Dominion Government.

April 20.....	74	44
21.....	70	28
22.....	71	25.
23.....	82.5	41
24.....	85.5	47
25.....	87.5	49
26.....	81	43

The Massey-Harris, 'Perfect' separator leads.

A reporter's life is not all a row of ones. Frequently we have been so proud not printing all our prominent new say, and last issue we quoted a few words of one of those prominent persons, and he now passes the reporter without even a passing friendly nod or 'good day.' Yet these words were the most forceful and exciting words used at the meeting. It is hard to please the people of this world.

Particular for The Call.

The Massey-Harris Cream Separator has a self-balancing bowl, which runs lighter, works better and cleans cream than any other.

W. R. McKie has let a contract to R. A. Allen to build a neat room for him on Seventh Avenue, in the vicinity of the school.

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Lamps are to be known by their radiance, not by the racket they make.

W. R. McKie, manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, left on Sunday for Vancouver with his wife and child to spend a month's well earned holiday.

The Massey-Harris Alpha will save your horses, saves your time and out lasts two ordinary machines.

British election stories continue to float in. One of them tells of a man who has been interested in his speech by someone shouting out: "What has become of the old donkey and cart which your grandfather had to take around fire-works?"

The cart, I remember, was broken up many years ago, but I can no longer recall how the donkey was still living," quickly responded the proposed candidate, and more of laughter, and he was allowed to finish his speech without further interruption.

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"Nervy of mine, sir," announced the caddy, "and a fast ryle waterman knows the river like a book, he do."

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Old Bob wagged his head in slow negation; young William lifted his.

"There's a rylewee runs by Woolwich," he ventured. "Yer might try 'em go to Sheerness, sir. Yer'd be positive o' passin' 'er if she didn't ayle afore 'igh tide. 'Ire a boat at Sheerness an' put out an' look for 'er."

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"Ere we are, sir," said the cabman's nephew, pausing at the head of the steps. "Now, where's it to be?"

The American explained tersely that he had a message to deliver to a friend who had shipped aboard a vessel known as the *Alethea*, scheduled to sail at four o'clock, further than which deponent averred naught.

The waterman scratched his head. "A hard job, sir. Not knowin' wot kind of a boat she are mykes it harder." He waited hopefully.

"Ten shillings," volunteered Kirkwood promptly. "Ten shillings if you get me aboard her before she weighs anchor, 15 if I keep you out more than an hour and still you put me aboard. After that we'll make other terms."

The man promptly turned his back to hail his mate. "Arr! A quid, Bob, if we puts 'this gent aboard a vessel name o' *Allytheer* afore she ayles at turn o' tide."

In the boat the man with the bailing can turned up an impassive countenance. "Coom down." He clinched the barge and set about shipping the sweeps.

Howling downstream, the boat shot out from the shore.

